

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 8, 2006, the Examiner issued a restriction and identified three Groups (Group I: claims 165-174 and 219-225; Group II: claims 165-174, 211, 212, 219-225, 257, 258, 278, 281, 284 and 287; Group III: claims 165-174, 215, 216, 219-225, 261, 262, 290, 293, 296 and 299).

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I. Applicant submits that pending claims 165-174, 189-193, 207-212, 215-218, 219-225, 238-240, 255-258, 261-264 are included within Group I. These elected claims include dependent claims 168-169, 173, 189-193, 207-212, 215-218, 238-240, 255-258, and 261-264 which have been withdrawn by Applicants pending the allowance of their respective independent claims (at which time rejoinder may be requested).

New claims 325-326 have been added. Applicants submit that these claims are also within elected Group I.

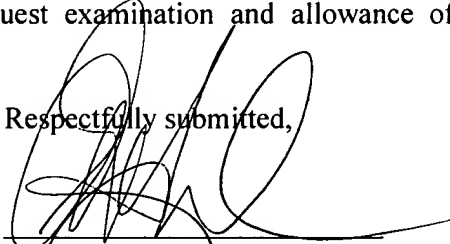
Thus, claims 165-167, 170-172, 174, 219-225 and 325-326 are pending for examination.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request examination and allowance of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,


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